

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
October 3, 2005 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: James Workman, Chairman, Cliff Pratt, Vice Chairman
Rick Griffin, Ben Moore, Virginia Bridle-Russell
James S. Barrington, Town Manager
Karen Anderson, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. The Board of Selectmen took comments from the public on the acceptance of a Radiological Response Grant in the amount of \$18,100.00.

Chief Lipe explained that this grant represents the annual allocation to the Town of Hampton from the State of New Hampshire in conjunction with the radiological response requirements for the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen accept the Radiological Emergency Response Grant in the amount of \$18,100.00.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

2. The Board of Selectmen took comments from the public on the acceptance of a grant from the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$50,000 to offset the purchase of a vacuum truck.

Mr. John Hangen, Public Works Director stated that he was in favor of the grant for many reasons. He said that the State is offering the town \$50,000 towards the purchase of this truck, which the Town has needed for a long time. There are extensive drainage systems in town, with approximately 3,000 catch basins that need regular cleaning. The rain water picks up cigarettes, silt, sand and that all goes into the bottom 4' of the catch basins and this truck will be able to clean that debris out. This vacuum truck will cost \$200,000 and will be offset by funds that were budgeted for catch basin services and a different truck that will not be purchased.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell said that in a year with a default budget, unforeseen snow storms and rising costs of gasoline, she does not know how Public Works can take \$100,000 from their budget for an item that was not in the 2005 budget. She said she also thinks that there are more important things that may come up later in the year. Mr. Moore asked what truck is not being purchased. Mr. Hangen said he had intended to replace the jet truck. Mr. Moore asked if the catch basin services are something that has been done every year. Mr. Hangen said that they have been done for a few years. Mr. Moore asked about maintenance costs for the proposed truck. Mr. Hangen said that they do not have one at this time so it is hard to estimate the maintenance costs, but he knows that there will be costs involved. Mr. Moore asked how old the existing jet truck is. Mr. Hangen said that it is approximately 12 years and it will remain in limited operation.

Mr. Griffin asked if this will be used in all parts of town. Mr. Hangen said that it will be used all over town to clean the storm systems. Mr. Griffin asked if it will correct the flooding problem in his area. Mr. Hangen said that it could, but Mr. Griffin's problem is on State property.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen accept the grant from the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$50,000 to offset the purchase of a vacuum truck.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: 4 FOR

1 OPPOSED (Bridle-Russell)

3. The Board of Selectmen took comments from the public in regard to the acceptance of a Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$15,192 towards the purchase of a long-range search and rescue camera.

Chief Lipe said that Captain Crotts is in receipt of the award letter for this portion of the camera funding. This is a 100% grant and is in cooperation with the police department.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen accept acceptance of a Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$15,192 towards the purchase of a long-range search and rescue camera.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

- I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG** – Boy Scouts from Troop 176 led the audience in the flag salute.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Bridle-Russell announced that Our Lady of Miraculous Medal will recognize Sister Doris for 50 years of service to her church and community on October 9th at 2:00 PM. The public is welcome to attend.

The Victoria Inn and Galley Hatch Catering will be hosting a weekend of events on October 15th & 16th to raise funds for a community in Louisiana. There are several events to choose from and tickets are available.

Mr. Moore thanked the Department of Public Works for their recent clean-up assistance at the Grist Mill in preparation for winter.

Mr. Griffin announced that City Year will be helping the Town with many recreation programs this year and one of the first events will be a dance to benefit the Hampton Academy at the Ashworth on Thursday, November 3rd.

Mr. Workman noted that today is the 9th birthday of his daughter, Nicole.

III. APPOINTMENTS

1. WHS Administration – Park Avenue Intersection

Mrs. Susan Kepner thanked the Board of Selectmen for allowing the Winnacunnet School Board to speak tonight. Present was Randy Zito, WHS Principal, School Board members Chris Singleton, Brenda Quackenbush and Maria Brown. Mr. Ralph Minichiello, Interim Assistant Superintendent was also present. On behalf of the School Board, Mrs. Kepner thanked the Board of Selectmen for the reduced speed limits and parking restrictions in the area, they believe that they will make the area safer for all. Mrs. Kepner also thanked the Board of Selectmen for allowing the Town Manager to work with the Principal to coordinate the alternate parking for this season; it has improved the traffic in that area already. Mrs. Kepner noted that there have been some missed steps in their approval process, and the School Board would now like to fill in the missed steps by formally requesting permission to change the intersection at Park Avenue and Winnacunnet Road; either through the Board of Selectmen's approval or through a Town Meeting vote if required. Mrs. Kepner said that the School Board would like to strongly urge the Board of Selectmen to allow an independent person to look at the intersection and determine the safest configuration for the intersection in conjunction with the school driveway. The Winnacunnet School Board would like to work with the Board of Selectmen for a safe, good and right solution.

Mr. Singleton also expressed the Board's appreciation for the actions that have been taken to get the traffic off Winnacunnet Road. He said that they wish that they had requested the change of the intersection before it had happened and certainly would have come to the Board if they had realized it was required. Mr. Singleton said that they had been working with Town departments on this for a year and both sides were aware of what the plans were. He asked the Board of Selectmen to consider adjusting the spur road into a configuration that would be deemed safe by a traffic engineer. The School Board wants to make sure that any action taken is the best use of tax-payer money and is the best decision for safety. Mr. Singleton wanted the Board to know that the new entrance has always been a part of the expansion plans as they were presented to the voters. During the hearing process for the expansion, there were concerns raised that the traffic problems needed to be fixed and they were addressed. The warrant article, which passed overwhelmingly, specifically stated "new access pavements" which was referring to the new driveway. Mr. Singleton stressed that safety is the concern of the School Board, not just for the students and staff but also for everyone that drives on that road.

Mr. Singleton said that there were comments made last week cautioning the Selectmen not to show favoritism, and he wanted to state that this approval is not something that would be done for the School Board, but rather it is the right decision relative to taxpayer money and safety. Mr. Singleton said that the experts should be consulted for the best decision and the School Board would like to work with the Board of Selectmen to make the intersection as safe as possible. Mrs. Kepner said that copies of what was presented to the voters were available for the Board's review.

Mr. Moore noted that the plan is dated February 20, 2005 and the Planning Board meeting was on February 16, 2005. Mr. Minicheillo said that it is likely that the plan was revised based on suggestions made at the Planning Board meeting. Mr. Griffin asked if the Board of Selectmen would be taking this matter to Town Meeting. Mr. Workman said that the Board has not made that decision. Mr. Griffin said that a Town Meeting vote is needed and if it turns out that voters want the spur removed, it should not cost that much to restore that spur for the interim. Mr. Pratt thanked all the people that called him on this issue; he said that he wants the public to understand that Hampton went to court on this once and lost when they took a road without the proper procedure. He said that he does not have any bad feelings about the School Board, mistakes were made and he would like the Boards to resolve them together. Mr. Griffin said that he hoped the traffic study would be done so that the voters will have that to base their decision on. Mr. Barrington said that he is currently getting quotes for the work, but the estimate is between \$35,000 - \$50,000 for the work.

Mr. Workman said that he spent a number of years working for a company that had the philosophy that it was easier to ask forgiveness rather than ask permission and that is not a philosophy that he agrees with. He is not seeking to punish anyone, but there are some very divergent views on what needs to be done in this location. In an attempt to look at the best interest of the Hampton taxpayers, he suggested that the roadway be left as it is for now and that the Board of Selectmen insert a warrant article seeking the appropriate authorization. He suggested that a traffic study be done immediately, paid for by the Winnacunnet School District and that the School District escrow the funds or post a bond for the potential work. In addition he suggested that the Winnacunnet School District indemnify the Town if anyone sues the town in the interim.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell said that she does not think the taxpayer's money should be wasted, and she is basing her decision on the opinion of the Town's attorney and that of the Police Chief. She said that the Board owes it to the citizens and the students to do what is going to be safe. Mrs. Bridle-Russell said that paying to have the spur put back in is irresponsible. Mr. Griffin said that he does not see why the spur can not be restored for less than \$50,000. The voters can then have their say when the road is put back. Mr. Griffin said that the problem is that no one listened to a traffic engineer before it was taken out. Mr. Workman said that the original motion was that the town was to pay for the restoration and the traffic study and then seek reimbursement from the School District. Mr. Griffin suggested that a temporary fix should be a lesser cost. Mr. Barrington said that part of the problem with the pricing is the very short time frame that we are presenting to the contractors. Mr. Griffin asked why our own town personnel couldn't do some of the work.

Mrs. Kepner said that Mr. White asked their site person for an estimate to put the spur back in and he was told \$48,000. Mrs. Kepner said that the School Board welcomed Mr. Workman's suggestion and believes that their respective attorney's could work out the details. Mr. Moore referred to last weeks comments from Attorney Schwartz who agreed that the people of the town need to approve the removal of the spur; he believes that the Board of Selectmen are obligated to abide by the law. Mr. Moore said that the spur was no longer than 250' and the cost does not appear correct. Mr. Moore said that we need to learn from this mistake and understand what happened here. Town property must always be dealt with by the town voters.

Mr. Pratt asked Chief Wrenn about the safety concerns or alternatives that he sees if the spur is restored. Chief Wrenn said that coming off the spur, drivers are looking over their left shoulder and the visual acuity of what is in front is limited. He does not believe people in the crosswalk or coming out of the driveway will be safe. He said that the spur should not be opened up but if it is, the driveway should be closed at all times. Chief Wrenn said that the Police Department has been recommending two entrances or exits at the high school for many years because it has been very dangerous with just one. He said that he understands the issues the Board is dealing with and when they look at criminal laws, they look at the law of competing harms which provides a legal excuse for violating a law. This may not apply, but if enforcing the law will create a safety problem, you go with the safety issue and use that if it was brought to court.

Mr. Moore asked under whose authority was the crosswalk installed. Mr. Barrington said that the Planning Board generally recommends crosswalks. Mr. Pratt said that the Planning Board didn't approve anything, they just reviewed the plan and made recommendations.

Mr. Workman said that one of the things about the law is that it is not an exact science, it is a gray area. He said that he has some questions as to what has been done, but the suggestion he has made should either upset or appease both sides. It will result in the restoration or the removal of the spur, based on what the town voters say.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell said that we should err on the side of safety. The Board of Selectmen has a chance to put safety first and it should do so. We should not consider spending any money before a traffic study is completed and there is a legal opinion that the action can wait until Town Meeting. Mr. Workman said that he sworn to uphold the laws of the State of New Hampshire and he is keenly aware of what he has to do to abide by the law. He would not be making these suggestions if he thought it would violate the law.

Mr. Moore asked what level of authority to the School Board needs to be in agreement with the suggestions. Mr. Singleton said that they could have a meeting in two days. Mr. Moore said that he would be in favor of Mr. Workman's suggestions.

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to hold the effects of last weeks motion in abeyance, pending the consent of the Winnacunnet School Administration acceptance of the following conditions: 1) leave the intersection of Park Avenue and Winnacunnet Road as it currently exists; 2) the Board of Selectmen to insert an article on the 2006 Warrant to address the changes to the intersection; 3) immediately undertake a traffic study by an engineer selected by the Town at the expense of the Winnacunnet School District; 4) pending the outcome of the warrant article, Winnacunnet School District will implement the recommendations of the traffic engineer at their expense; 5) immediately, or as soon as practicable, Winnacunnet School District will escrow or secure a bond in an amount sufficient for restoration of the spur to the condition it existed prior to August, 2005; 6) the Winnacunnet School District will indemnify and defend the Town of Hampton with respect to any and all costs, claims, actions that may arise from the removal of the spur onto Winnacunnet Road and the installation of the driveway onto Winnacunnet Road.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED

Mr. Moore AMENDED the MOTION to add that the Winnacunnet High School Administration accept or reply to this motion by October 10, 2005.

Mr. Workman SECONDED

MAIN MOTION:

**VOTE: 4 FOR
1 OPPOSED(Griffin)**

**VOTE: 4 FOR
1 OPPOSED(Griffin)**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

The Board of Selectmen presented Administrative Assistant Karen Anderson a plaque for her 14 years of service to the Town of Hampton.

Town Manager's Report

Waste Management Truck

Mr. Barrington reported that the Town is trying to secure the permission of the Court to move the Waste Management truck that was damaged at the Transfer Station prior to the trial. It has been ordered to remain in place as evidence in the crime scene, but we are hoping to get the court's permission to move it soon.

Park Avenue Intersection

Mr. Barrington told the Board that Public Works Director John Hangen is soliciting prices for the road work on Park and Winnacunnet. Our sign vendor has a delay on our speed limits and no parking signs and they should be in next week.

Child Protection Legislation

Chief Wrenn reported that he received a call from the Governor's office. He, along with Attorney General Ayotte, will be coming to Hampton on October 4th to conduct a local press conference on the Child Protection Act. This Act is a piece of legislation that is being put forth by the Governor and Attorney General to strengthen the laws that deal with sexual offenders. This piece of legislation has a lot of support from Democrat and Republican legislators, law enforcement, prosecutors and the public. This bill will be an excellent law for protecting our children from these predators. They would like to invite all town officials especially our Selectmen. The conference will take place at the Police Department at 11:00 AM. Mr. Barrington said that this would be a great opportunity to put the town's support behind a very important piece of legislation designed to deal harshly with sexual predators and to protect the children of our state.

Promotion

Mr. Barrington reported that Tom Gudaitis was sworn in as a Police Lieutenant at 10:00 AM today. Chief Wrenn is beginning the process of selecting a new police officer.

Sun Valley

Mr. Barrington told the Board that he attended a meeting at the Preston Real Estate office last Monday, with Frank Richardson, Gino Marconi, Chris Wallace, and residents from the Sun Valley area to discuss possible solutions to the beach erosion problem behind the half tide jetty. As always, funding is the major obstacle to solving the problem. Several technologies and possible solutions were discussed. Further investigation is being done by the state to determine whether there may be some funding sources to go with local citizen match.

Tax Rate Setting

Mr. Barrington announced that an appointment has been tentatively set for a tax rate setting appointment for 10:00 AM on October 13th.

Candidates Nights

Mr. Griffin said that he had some questions about Candidate's Nights for the political parties. Mr. Barrington said that events like that had been held at the Town Office in the past, but the Board adopted a policy a couple years back that prohibited those type of activities, other than the Town Election Candidates Night. Mr. Griffin said that there are people are willing to challenge that in court and it may be something that the Board needs to look at for access to Channel 22. Mr. Griffin said that he does not understand why a group would not be able to use the facilities to educate the voters. Mr. Barrington said that could be discussed in November, after the budget process since State Elections will not be until September, 2006. Mr. Griffin said that it is important for the Board to review this.

IV. NEW BUSINESS**1. Schedule Grievance Hearing – HPA (bereavement Leave)**

Mr. Workman said that Officer Henderson has indicated to him that Attorney McKittrick would not be available for a hearing on October 10th but would be available for October 17th.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen hold a grievance hearing with the Hampton Police Association on October 17th at 6:30 PM for the Bereavement Leave Grievance.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mr. Workman noted that a second grievance in regard to fitness testing was forwarded to the Board evening.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen hold a grievance hearing with the Hampton Police Association on October 17th at 6:30 PM regarding fitness testing.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

The regular meeting on October 17th will begin at 7:30 PM.

2. Resolution for Town Manager to extend Court Lease

Mr. Moore MOTIONED that the Town of Hampton shall enter into a contract with the State of New Hampshire, acting by and through the Town Manager providing for the performance of the Town of Hampton of certain services as documented within the foregoing Lease, and that the official listed, James S. Barrington, on behalf of the Town of Hampton is authorized and directed to enter into the said lease contract with the State of New Hampshire, and that they are to take any and all such actions that may be deemed necessary, desirable or appropriate in order to execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver any and all documents, agreements and other instruments on behalf of Hampton in order to accomplish the same. Resolved that the signature of the above authorized party or parties of Hampton, when affixed to any instrument of document described in, contemplated by, these resolutions, shall be conclusive evidence of the authority of said parties to bind the Town of Hampton, thereby: The foregoing resolutions have not been revoked, annulled, or amended in any manner what so ever, and remain in full force and effect as of the date hereof; and confirming that said authority was in effect on September 14, 2005.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Thirty Years of Service

Mr. Workman announced that a certificate has been awarded to Mr. Barrington in recognition of his membership in the International City Management Association for thirty years.

3. Budget Review – Public Works, Police, Animal Control

Mr. Hangen noted that the Board of Selectmen had a difficult decision to make and when comments are made about the bidding practices that infer that something is being done wrong, he has a concern. Mr. Hangen said that they had invited four contractors to look at the plans and bid on the work at park Avenue, and two declined because they are too busy. The instruction was to put the intersection back as it was exactly and the Town can not control the bids that are brought in from a contractor. He offered to let any Selectmen take the drawing and solicit prices. Mr. Griffin said that it looks to him that more can be done to save money; it may not have been necessary to put the spur back as it was, it could have been a temporary situation which may have been less expensive.

Mr. Hangen said that the Department has had a very good year and accomplished a lot of work. The employees have learned and understood that they have to do more with less. The Town has shown strong leadership through the Manager for cost savings. Mr. Hangen said however, that his department has been hit severely with sicknesses, worker's compensation injuries and long-term absences of employees.

Account # 4311.1 - Highways and Streets-Administration

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that \$1,086,043 be recommended for Account #4311 – Highways and Streets-Administration.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

Mr. Moore asked what the plans are to be able to get the part-time employee wage lines in line for next year. Mr. Hangen said that he is anticipating the return of some of the employees that have been out of work.

Mr. Griffin asked what type of pick-up is acquired for \$34,000. Mr. Hangen said that it is generally a 4-wheel drive with a plow assembly, special lights and radio equipment.

Mr. Pratt AMENDED the motion to reduce the total by \$4,000 to adjust replacement equipment for a truck to \$30,000.

Mr. Moore SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mr. Moore AMENDED the motion to increase the total by \$5,000 to \$1,087,043 to include all of account 4311.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Account # 4312 – Paving

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that \$797,544 be recommended for Account #4312 – Paving.

Mr. Moore SECONDED

Mr. Moore AMENDED the account to remove \$15,000 for hydrant rental fees.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

The amended total for #4312 is \$782,844.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mr. Moore asked about the 26% increase to tipping fees. Mr. Hangen said that is based on a letter proposal for that rate. A ten-year contract of exceptionally good prices with Waste Management has expired.

Mr. Moore asked about the prices set for the pick-up truck and the dump truck proposed for replacement. Mr. Hangen said that the pick-up could be reduced to \$30,000.

Mr. Pratt AMENDED the motion to reduce Account #4321.745 by \$4,000 to adjust replacement equipment for a truck to \$30,000.

Mr. Moore SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Account # 4323 – Solid Waste Collection

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that \$679,556 be recommended for Account #4323 – Solid Waste Collection.

Mr. Moore SECONDED

Mrs. Bridle-Russell asked what type of packer is being proposed. Mr. Hangen said that this is replacement of the standard packers.

Mr. Moore asked about the out-sourcing proposal for waste collection. Mr. Hangen said that he has been working with the Town Manager and Attorney Gearreald to put together the specifications and that it will be out to bid shortly. Mr. Hangen said that they are trying to keep this as simple as possible, but there are some questions about the legality of establishing a contract. He anticipates it will be a controversial discussion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Account # 4321 – Solid Waste Disposal

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that \$1,242,218 be recommended for Account #4321 – Solid Waste Disposal.

Mr. Workman SECONDED

Mr. Pratt asked about the scales. Mr. Hangen said that there are some replacements in the budget.

Account # 4326 – Sewage Collection & Disposal

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that \$235,000 be recommended for Account #4326 – Sewage Collection and Disposal.

Mr. Moore SECONDED

Mrs. Bridle-Russell asked at what capacity the wastewater treatment plant is operating at. Mr. Hangen said that they are approved for 3.95 mgd and on exceptional hot weekends they are at 2.5 mgd and in the winter they are at about 2 mgd. Mr. Mellin said that the operators have indicated that flows are reducing which is likely a result of the infrastructure improvements. Mr. Hangen said that the plant is set from an operational point of view for growth for 5-10 years.

Mr. Moore asked about the \$165,000 for sewer line maintenance in compared about \$5,000 from last year's budget. Mr. Hangen said that they have been called to the Tobey and Gray Streets for a number of years due to the age of those pipes and infiltration by roots on a regular basis. There is localized flooding and years of complaints.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Grand Total – Public Works

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that \$5,943,780 be recommended for the Grand Total – Public Works.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mosquito ControlAccount # 4414.3– Mosquito Control

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that \$65,525 be recommended for Account #4414.3 Mosquito Control.

Mr. Workman SECONDED

Mrs. Kaiser noted that the cost increase is due to the increased gasoline costs, but does not return adulticide to the budget. The community was very lucky with mosquitoes this year and there were no reported cases of West Nile Virus or EEE. Mrs. Kaiser noted that the 2004 budget was over \$100,000 and the 2005 budget was \$60,000. She said that it was worrisome when other communities were finding EEE, the town would not have been able to do the adulticide because the company was not able to hire the necessary staff to spray for an emergency. For adulticide in 2006, the cost would be an additional \$35,000. Mrs. Kaiser said that this amount could be proposed as a warrant article and she is concerned that EEE may come closer to Hampton. Mr. Reniere said that the control of the greenheads is done by the 160 traps that are placed in the marshlands each spring. Mr. Hangen has offered to allow the traps to be stored at Public Works under a 10' x 14' canopy that can be obtained for \$2,025.00 and they are asking for the approval for that purchase.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell suggested that we store them in the old town office or the district court. Mr. Barrington said that is a possibility. Mrs. Bridle-Russell said that Triple E is more of a threat. Mr. Griffin said that he agrees that the town needs to be aware of Triple E.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED to AMEND to add \$15,000 for adulticide if needed.

Mr. Griffin SECONDED

VOTE: 3 FOR

2 OPPOSED

(Moore, Pratt)

Animal Control

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that the Animal Control budget be recommended at \$57,089.

Mr. Griffin SECONDED

Chief Wrenn said that there is not much new in ACO. Mrs. Bridle-Russell noted that there are 390 dogs that remain unlicensed and she asked for a report next week on the status and the plan for action.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Police Department BudgetAccount # 4210 – Police Administration

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that \$503,192 be recommended for Account #4210 –Police Administration.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

Mrs. Bridle-Russell asked about the structure in administration. Chief Wrenn said that there it is one chief, two captains and three lieutenants and he explained the functions of the captains. Mr. Pratt noted that the wages have stayed the same from 2005.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Account # 4210.2 – Crime Control & Investigations

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that \$282,829 be recommended for Account #4210.2 – Crime Control & Investigations.

Mr. Moore SECONDED

Mr. Moore noted that this eliminates the Mounted Patrol, but sees that there are some residual costs. Chief Wrenn said that this allows for the possibility of a warrant article and provides stabling costs for a period of time.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Account # 4210.3 – Traffic Control & Patrol

Mr. Moore MOTIONED that \$2,082,396 be recommended for Account #4210.3 – Traffic Control & Patrol.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED

Mrs. Bridle-Russell asked how many sergeants there are. Chief Wrenn said that there are three patrol sergeants, one prosecuting sergeant and one detective sergeant; under those sergeants are 18 patrolmen, 2 school resource officers and 3 detectives. Mr. Moore asked about the training costs. Chief Wrenn said that it is budgeted at the same level as last year, with less being spent this year as a result of the default budget.

Mr. Moore asked about the vacation wages. Chief Wrenn said that they have been very careful when replacing officers when they are out and they have let the staffing level fall to the minimum which has saved some money. Mr. Moore asked about vehicle replacements in a normal year, how many patrol cars are replaced. Chief Wrenn said that when they were replacing three per year it was working very well and the maintenance costs were considerably less.

Mr. Moore asked if there has been any discussion of using the excess in the special revenue fund for vehicle purchases. Chief Wrenn said that it has been discussed, and he wanted to be sure to have the vehicles in the budget just in case the warrant article did not pass. Mr. Barrington said his intent is to have the warrant article include the reduction of the same amount from the operating budget if the warrant article passed. Mr. Moore said that is the correct way to be doing it.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Account # 4210.4 - Training

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that \$31,525 be recommended for Account #4210.4 – Training.

Mr. Moore SECONDED

Mrs. Bridle-Russell asked what cutting training costs does to the town liabilities. Chief Wrenn said that certain cuts had to be made to get the budget where the Town Manager wanted it. This budget has the same number of shifts as this past summer but due to officers leaving or having limited schedules it may be difficult to fill those shifts.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Account # 4210.5 – Support Services

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that \$684,434 be recommended for Account #210.5 – Support Services.

Mr. Moore SECONDED

Chief Wrenn said that budget amount is based on the same schedule as last year and the budget this year is in good shape, but he wants to caution the Board that the summer had a late start. Chief Wrenn said that the number of incidents and arrests were down and the crowds were more orderly.

Mr. Moore asked about the telephone expenses that appear to be lower than budgeted. Chief Wrenn said that it is an area that they have really tried to watch and the costs of the phone services have saved some money.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Account # 4210.6 – Special Details

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that \$2 be recommended for Account #4210.6 – Special Details.

Mr. Moore SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Account # 4210.7 – Police Station & Building

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that \$169,748 be recommended for Account #4210.7 – Police Station & Building.

Mr. Moore SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Total Police Department

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that \$3,754.126 be recommended for Total Police Department budget.

Mr. Griffin SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

V. MINUTES

The minutes of September 26, 2005 were accepted as corrected.

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VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Rice said that this is not personal, but he was really disappointed with the Board's issue with the spur road and he congratulated Mr. Griffin for standing up for his decision. He said he does not know how the Board bargained away what was right. He noted that the Board should have rescinded the voted from the previous week and he does not believe that the action will survive a challenge. Mr. Rice said that there are separate issues and the Board of Selectmen does not have the luxury of ignoring the RSA's. One issue is the restoration of the road, the second is the traffic in that location Mr. Rice expressed concerns with the Board's actions and even though it will cost more money, the law has to be followed because this is not an emergency, it was the result of a negligent act.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that the meeting be adjourned. (11:02 PM)

Mr. Workman SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman